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Box Non-Fee Amendment

Re: U.S. Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/321,882; filed May 28, 1999
For: **Neuroactive Steroids of the Androstane and Pregnane Series**
Inventors: Upasani *et al.*
Our Ref: 1483.0130002/JMC/BEC

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Amendment And Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111; and
2. Return postcard.

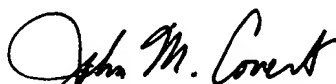
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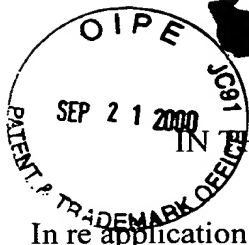
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated June 21, 2000 (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 11), Applicants submit the following Amendments and Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Amendments

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 35-43, 47-53, 56 and 60.